



The Portal



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Founded in 1901

Balmoral Hall School, a university preparatory school, educates, encourages and empowers young women who excel academically, possess a passion for learning, set high standards for personal achievement, and who will be self-confident leaders of tomorrow.



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A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Yes,
She
Can



Pictured left to right: Claire Sumerlus, Head of School, Catherine Simons, Head Girl and Barbara Stymiest, recipient of the Balmoral Hall School "Yes She Can" award.

Congratulations to Barbara G. Stymiest, Chief Operating Officer of RBC Financial Group, for receiving the Balmoral Hall School 2006 "Yes She Can" Award. The "Yes She Can" Award recognizes the achievements of exceptional women who embody the Balmoral Hall School Vision of "Believe, Achieve, Succeed!"



Front cover left to right:

Wanda Zajac, Robyn Zajac '08, Mylène Gamache '06, Jamie DesJarlais '06, Mandy Green, Sarry Klein '06, Doug Langrell, Tina Nakoulas '09, Sinthuja Navaretnam '09, Kate Langrell '07, Claudia Müller-Moran '07 and Sarah Scott '09

Senior School students travelled to El Salvador with Habitat for Humanity in April 2006. Please see page 12 of this issue for the full story.



Claire Sumerlus, Head of School

Head of School Remarks

Photo taken by: Ruth Bonneville, Courtesy of Winnipeg Women Magazine

In May, Barbara Stymiest, the 2006 recipient of the "Yes She Can" Award, challenged us to reach towards any goal that we choose to set for ourselves. While it may seem for our graduates that their biggest accomplishment will be graduating from BH, I know it will only be a short time until they are seeking new ways to make an impact in their family, their community and perhaps even the world. As Jackie Joyner-Kersey once said "For me it's the challenge—the challenge to try to beat myself or do better than I did in the past. I try to keep in mind not what I have accomplished but what I have to try to accomplish in the future."

I am so proud of the role BH teachers have played in our students' success. They found innovative ways to incorporate global research into the best practices in learning for girls and young women into every classroom experience. Our small class size gives each girl the opportunity to grow as an individual, not just a member of the class. This year in particular, our focus on ensuring a safe, caring school environment provided many opportunities for students in all three schools to care and share. I hope that our graduates will remember with affection how the BH tradition of caring and nurturing while demanding excellence prepared them for the leadership roles I know they will assume in the future. As Margaret Meade said "Never doubt that a small group of people can change the world—indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

At our Closing Ceremonies, it was my privilege to be the first to say, not goodbye students, but rather welcome to the newest members of the BH alumnae. They now join the ranks of a truly incredible group who are making a difference around the world and who represent the global network of strong, resourceful women who are the BH alumnae.

In the pages that follow you will learn of the many great accomplishments achieved this past year by our students and alumnae. From our launch of the internationally recognized Olweus Anti-Bullying Program that we celebrated with BH students, staff, parent and our community representatives to journeys with Habitat for Humanity / Global Villages to the numerous victories on the court, in the classroom and on the world stage, the BH Family has had simply an incredible year.

It is not fate or chance that leads to success—it is a direct result of each BH girl's positive action to seize whatever opportunities the future holds with energy, confidence and enthusiasm.

I encourage every member of our BH Family to:

Believe—in yourself and all you can do

Achieve—by never settling and always striving for more

Succeed—now, and always

Smiles and Tears—Closing Exercises is always a day of mixed emotions when we gather to honour our graduates. While we are extremely proud of all the hard work and dedication they have committed to their studies while they were with us, we know that they will soon be experiencing the world beyond the gates of Balmoral Hall—without us—as they take the next step in their lifelong quest for knowledge and enriching experiences.

If there was one word our graduates heard frequently during their time at BH, it was excellence. We expected it, we embraced it and at graduation we join together as a BH Family in one of the most important milestones in our students' lives to celebrate it. As Ralph Marston once said "Excellence is not a skill. It is an attitude." I am confident that the skills they have learned through critical thinking, self-assessment and self-improvement will serve as an important foundation for their future achievements.

Balmoral Hall welcomes back Chantal Kreviazuk '91 as the 2006 Keynote Speaker



A group of Grade 12 students enjoy talking with Chantal in Aikins House

Balmoral Hall School would like to extend a thank you to Chantal Kreviazuk '91 for joining us at Closing Ceremonies as the 2006 keynote speaker. She travelled to Winnipeg on June 20th and spent the afternoon with the Grade 12 graduates discussing future plans and life lessons. The Grade 12 girls truly appreciated the time she took to have one on one conversation about music, careers, volunteering and BH.

On June 21st, Chantal presented her keynote speech to the graduates. She did a terrific job connecting with the students and sending a message that the future is in their hands. Following convocation, Chantal and her family joined students, friends and family back at Balmoral Hall School for the Garden Party.



Brittany Dolynchuk '06, Chantal Kreviazuk '91, Marissa Ataliotis '06 and Arden Alfonso '06



Mr. Chrys Pappas, Chair of the Board and Chantal Kreviazuk '91

Excerpts from the Valedictorian Address

"I wish I could measure exactly how much I've changed over my four years at BH. I can't speak to the decades that these girls in white had at BH before my arrival. All I can say is, upon my arrival I was overwhelmed. It didn't take me long to realize I was WAY out of my league. I had a lot of catching up to do. These girls have taught me everything.

Grads, I know this day is for us; however I cannot possibly ignore these hundreds of girls in green. You must know, you've always meant so much. We may not have always sat at the same lunch tables or gone to the same parties but we've undoubtedly passed each other hundreds of times in the halls at school. Thank you for your kindness. Please don't forget us...we will certainly never forget you.

Fellow classmates, I wish I could pass on some words of wisdom. However, you really don't need anyone to tell you what to do. In the words of Albert Camus, "Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Just walk beside me and be my friend." Ladies, it truly is the greatest honour that I have been blessed with so far in my life to call each and every one of you my friend. Thank you for opening your hearts and teaching me to open mine."



Catherine Simons '06, Head Girl.

"If you limit your actions in life to things that nobody can possibly find fault with, you will not do much."

—Charles Lutwidge Dodgson





(l-r) The 2006 Lifers: Kathleen Murray, Lisa Gregory, Jenna Stacey, Michelle Maryk and Marissa Ataliotis

Sharing in Traditions

"I was retracing
someone's footsteps.
I felt proud,
I felt connected."

Balmoral Hall School takes great pride in carrying on traditions. A number of these traditions take place in the spring and are eagerly anticipated by each graduating class. They include the Lifer & Doll Assembly, the Cement Handprint, receiving Alumnae Keychains and wearing white dresses at Westminster United Church.

Sarah Coates '00 recently shared with the Alumnae Office an excerpt from a story she read at her grandma's funeral (Dorothy (Forsyth) Sangster RIV '37) in March 2006. It truly outlined the importance of tradition and we would like to share it with you.

"It was through
my grandma that
I discovered
history."

More to the point, through her I came to that seminal realization that it is people, my family, who are the history of our times. This moment was the better part of a decade ago—my Grade 11 cohorts were shepherded into the library of Balmoral Hall, and under the not so objective watch of librarian/historian Ms. Stephen, were taken through the history of the 'white convocation dresses.' This was a period of great debate—do we eschew nearly 100 years of graduation tradition and embrace the rather collegiate cap and gown? Looking through the old pictures being passed around, graduating classes of a dozen girls in the late thirties, in their white dresses—there she was. Riverbend '37, fourth from the left. Dorothy Forsyth. My grandma. I knew she had attended the school that would later become the BH I knew and loved, but there it was, literally in black and white. I was retracing someone's footsteps. I felt proud, I felt connected."



Sameera Abdulrehman

University One at the University of Manitoba with plans to study Sciences or International Relations. Received the University of Manitoba Hogg Centennial Scholarship, University of Winnipeg Special Entrance Scholarship, Carleton University Entrance Scholarship, and Queens University Excellence Scholarship.

Arden Alfonso

Taking a year off

Marissa Ataliotis

Fashion Communications at Ryerson University

Go Eun Choi

Life Science program at the University of Toronto or McGill University

Jamie DesJarlais

General Arts at the International Study Centre in England. Received the University of Manitoba Entrance Scholarship, and University of Alberta Academic Excellence Scholarship

Kiran Dhillon

University One at the University of Manitoba. Received the University of Manitoba Hogg Centennial Scholarship, University of Manitoba Advanced Early Admissions Scholarship, and Carleton University Entrance Scholarship.

Brittany Dolynchuk

Faculty of Arts at the University of British Columbia. Received the University of Manitoba Entrance Scholarship.

Jun (Shirley) Dong

Accounting at the University of Waterloo or Economics at the University of Virginia. Received the University of Alberta Academic Excellence Scholarship.

Jennifer Ethans

Zoology at the University of Winnipeg. Received the University of Manitoba Entrance Scholarship.

Mylène Gamache

University One at the University of Manitoba with plans to transfer to Carleton into the Bachelor of Humanities Program. Received the University of Manitoba Guertin Centennial Scholarship.

Emily Gekht

University One at the University of Manitoba with plans to study Public Relations or Journalism.

Lisa Gregory

Bachelor of Arts at the University of Toronto. Received the University of Manitoba Guertin Centennial Scholarship, Queens University Excellence Scholarship, and York Renewable Entrance Scholarship.

Danielle Guenet

Pharmacy at the University of Winnipeg. Received the University of Manitoba Hogg Centennial Entrance Scholarship, and University of Winnipeg Early Admissions Scholarship.

Sol Ji (Stephanie) Han

Rotman School of Business at the University of Toronto. Received the University of Alberta Academic Excellence Scholarship.

Eo-Jin Hwang

Plans to attend McGill University

Sarry Klein

Engineering at Queens University. Received the University of Manitoba Entrance Scholarship and Queens University Dean's Entrance Scholarship.

Ayaka Kosaka

Faculty of Comparative Culture at the Sofia University in Japan

Alexis Kozak

University One at the University of Manitoba. Considering a career in Medicine or Education. Received the University of Manitoba Entrance Scholarship.

Xing (Karen) Li

Will continue to improve her English language skills and plans to study Business at the University of Manitoba.

Poonam Mahay

Bachelor of Science at the University of Winnipeg

Michelle Maryk

Bachelor of Arts with plans to study Law at the University of Winnipeg. Received the University of Winnipeg Special Entrance Scholarship.

Julia Monk

University One with plans to enter the Baccalaureate of Nursing Program at the

University of Manitoba.

Kathleen Murray

University of Manitoba

Tatiana Murray

University One at the University of Manitoba with plans to enter the field of Social Sciences. Received the University of Manitoba Entrance Scholarship.

Domenica Poucel Garcia

Business at U.D.L.A. in Mexico

Melanie Riggs

Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at the University of Manitoba or Brandon University

Heather Sandhu

Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Winnipeg

Shalini Sharma

University One at the University of Manitoba

Ai Shibata

Sciences at McGill University

Christine Siddall

University One at the University of Manitoba with plans to become an actuary. Received the University of Manitoba Chown Centennial Entrance Scholarship and University of Manitoba Advanced Early Admissions Scholarship.

Catherine Simons

Will be living in Lusaka, Zambia volunteering and travelling. Plans to attend Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts majoring in International Relations or Political Science in 2007.

Jenna Stacey

Travel with the intent to return to school and study environmental studies.

Hey Yue (Christel) Tam

Bachelor of Science at McGill University

Liandi Tang

Accounting at the State University of New York at Binghamton

Pei-Chi Tsai

Dietics / Nutrition at the University of Alberta

Min Hee Yoo

Life Science at McGill University



Class of 2006 Plans for the Future

Academic Awards

Middle School Awards

Head of School Award
—awarded to the student who receives the highest average in each grade

GRADE 6
Patricia Thomson

GRADE 7
Allison Kowalchuk

GRADE 8
Stephanie Webster

Grade 6 Awards

Bridget Bicknell
Visual Arts
Rupert's Land Scholarship

Katherine Bouchard
Riverbend Scholarship

Stephanie Enns
Mathematics (advanced)
Physical Education / Healthy Lifestyles
Social Studies
Julia M. Adamson Memorial Foundation Award—awarded to a student in Grade 6 who achieves the highest mark in Social Studies
E.L. Jones Memorial Fund Scholarship

Leanne King
Havergal Scholarship

Paige Nuttall
Mathematics
Performing Arts

Patricia Thomson
English
French
Science

McKenzie Trann
Sifton Scholarship

Grade 7 Awards

Rebecca Alexander
Webster Family Balmoral Hall School Highland Dance Scholarship Award

Breanne Fredette
Sifton Scholarship

Layla Freig
Mathematics
Performing Arts

Colleen Furlan
Performing Arts
Havergal Scholarship

Hayley Hoehn
G.E. Millard Scholarship

Allison Kowalchuk
Social Studies
Riverbend Scholarship

Kelsey Lacombe
Physical Education

Marikka Lee
English
French
Science
Visual Arts

Carmen Provinciano
French (advanced)
Rupert's Land Scholarship

Chloe Vickar
Jessie May Carter Riverbend Award
—awarded to a Middle School student for outstanding progress in the French language

Grade 8 Awards

Stephanie Goldberg
The Michelle Pratt Improvement in Writing Scholarship

Sean King
Physical Education / Healthy Lifestyles
French
Mathematics
Social Studies
Rupert's Land Scholarship

Allison Love
Science
Jas. A. Dowler Award—awarded to a student in Grade 6 to 8 for overall excellence in Mathematics

Jacklyn Prendiville
Riverbend Scholarship

Rebecca Sherbo
English
Mathematics (Accelerated)

Madison Stewart
Visual Arts

Victoria Taylor
Performing Arts

Miranda Thorne
French (Advanced)

Kelsey Watchman
Havergal Scholarship

Stephanie Webster
Science
E.M. Bartlett Scholarship

Senior School Awards

Head of School Award
—awarded to the student who receives the highest average in each grade

Senior 1 (Grade 9)
Erica Siddall

Senior 2 (Grade 10)
Nora Fien

Senior 3 (Grade 11)
Kathryn Marcynuk

Senior 4 (Grade 12)
Eo-Jin Hwang

Senior 1 Awards

Valerie Beynon
Physical Education / Healthy Lifestyles
Studio Art
Multi-Media
Science (Advanced)
Chelsea Chimilar
Choral Music
Introduction to Oral Communication (Debating)
Science
Musical Theatre
Julie Clark
Julia M. Adamson Memorial Foundation Award—awarded to a Senior 1 student for History Project

Ashley Fredette
Choral Music

Talia Glodjo
Tech TV
Social Studies
Studio Art (Semester 2)
A.J. Casson Award—awarded to a student who achieves the highest academic standing in Art
UK Alumnae Prize for History
—awarded to a student who receives the highest standing in Senior 1 History
Havergal Scholarship

Talia Joundi
French
Drama
Riverbend Scholarship

Ksenia Ogolikhina
English Language Learning (ESL)

Angela Reimer
French
Futures in Business
Rupert's Land Scholarship

Erica Siddall
English
Mathematics Pre-Calculus (Accelerated)
Spanish
J. Foster Scholarship
Sakie Yamazaki
Mathematics

Senior 2 Awards

Jenna Brown
Mathematics—Pre-Calculus
J.M. Carter Scholarship
Duke of Edinburgh Award

Alex Campbell
Multi-Media (Advanced)

Nora Fien
English (Advanced)
French
Introduction to Debating & Public Speaking

Geography
Mathematics—Pre-Calculus (Advanced)
Eliza Drewry Award—presented to a returning Senior 2 student who achieves the highest standing.
Rupert's Land Scholarship

Sola Han
Science
Spanish

Kali Kazina
Riverbend Scholarship

Krupa Kotecha
Studio Art (Semester 2)
Drama
Science (Advanced)
Career Preparation
Havergal Scholarship
Duke of Edinburgh Award

Ka Yan Leung
English Language Learning (ESL)

Nadine Lowes
Studio Art (Semester 1)
Multi-Media (Advanced)

Victoria Schaeffer
Choral Music

Courtney Weinstein
Consumer Math

Robyn Zajac
Musical Theatre
Physical Education / Healthy Lifestyles

Steven B. Fejes Volunteer of the Year Award—awarded to an outstanding student from Grade 6 to Senior 4 who has demonstrated exemplary volunteer commitment

Olivia Zaporzan
Musical Theatre

Natasha Zloty
English

Senior 3 Awards

Emilie Anderson-Gregoire

Biology (AP)

Musical Theatre

Spanish

Rupert's Land Scholarship

Alexis Dixon

Consumer Math

Chi Gao

Chemistry

Studio Art

Physics

Katherine Haber

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Robin Jacuzzi

Havergal Scholarship

Julia M. Adamson Memorial Award

—presented to a Senior 3 student for the best history essay

Virgil & Beulah Jacuzzi Applied

Science Scholarship—awarded

to a student entering her last year of studies at BH that has shown excellence in her studies of the sciences, has career and college aspirations in the area of Engineering and has been a strong contributor to the school community through sports, politics or volunteer activities

Jihyun Joung

Mathematics—Pre-Calculus

Nora Lansky Memorial Award—for

above-average progress in mastering English as a Second Language

Kate Langrell

Choral Music

Jas. A. Dowler Award—awarded to a student (S1 – S4) for overall excellence in Mathematics

Barbara Honey Scholarship

—awarded to a student of exemplary character, with high academic standing, who shows qualities of commitment and dedication to the full life of Balmoral Hall

Havergal-Rupert's Land Alumnae Scholarship

Cindy Lukianchuk

G. Murrell-Wright Residence Award

—awarded to a returning resident student who has contributed significantly to life in the Residence

Barbara Honey Scholarship

—awarded to a student of exemplary character, with high academic standing, who shows qualities of commitment and dedication to the full life of Balmoral Hall

Jessie May Carter Riverbend Award

—awarded to a Senior School student for outstanding progress in the French language

Kathryn Marcynuk

Chemistry (AP)

French

Computer Science

Canadian History

English: Language & Composition AP

Physical Education & Leadership

Mathematics—Pre-Calculus

(Accelerated)

Physics AP

Advanced Debating & Public

Speaking

Julia M. Adamson Canadian History

Award—awarded to a Senior 3 student who receives the highest standing in Canadian History

Ossama AbouZeid Scholarship

—for excellence in Science & Mathematics

G. Murrell-Wright Scholarship

Scored in the top 7% of all students (5409) who wrote the Avogadro Exam from the University of Waterloo.

Claudia Müller-Moran

G. Harold Aikins Science &

Technology Scholarship

—awarded to a returning student who has contributed the most to the Science & Technology Program

Bruce M. Hicks Public Service

Award—presented to a student who has done the most towards the changing of conditions of disadvantaged individuals or groups.

United Way Award — recognizing

her outstanding volunteer leadership and commitment to making a difference in her community

Ga Ram Park

English Language Learning

Madelaine Stefanik

English Literary Focus

Kelcey Vossen

World Issues

Leah Werier

Biology

Senior 4 Awards

Sameera Abdulrehman

English—Transactional Focus

Clare McCulloch Memorial Award for French

Arden Alfonso

Choral Music

Musical Theatre

Robert M. Shaw Memorial Award

—awarded to the student in the Balmoral Hall Senior Choir who demonstrates not only strong musical skills, vocal technique and musicality but also strong positive leadership within the group.

Go Eun Choi

Chemistry

Introduction to Calculus

Mathematics—Pre-Calculus

Jamie DesJarlais

N. Thomas Russell Award—for leadership by example

Kiran Dhillon

English Transactional Focus

Jun (Shirley) Dong

Calculus

Chemistry (AP)

Physics

Pacific Award—awarded to a senior high student who has shown potential as a leader and a scholar.

Certificate of Distinction—Gold

Medal winner at the Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge

Certificate of Distinction

—and Medal winner for Euclid Mathematics Contest

Scored in the top 14% of all students (3352) who wrote the Chem 13 News Exam from the University of Waterloo.

Mylène Gamache

Choral Music

Musical Theatre

Spanish

Studio Art

Clare McCulloch Award for

Creative Art

Robert M. Shaw Memorial Award

—awarded to the student in the Balmoral Hall Senior Choir who demonstrates not only strong musical skills, vocal technique and musicality but also strong positive leadership within the group.

Lisa Gregory

English — Literature & composition

AP Human Geography

Danielle Guenette

French

EO – Jin Hwang

Biology

Physics

Governor General's Academic medal

for academic excellence for Senior 4

Alexis Kozak

Elizabeth Patton Memorial Shield

—for qualities of leadership, dependability, friendliness and courtesy, and is a conscientious worker, taking part in games and rendering service to the School in all activities.

Michelle Maryk

Consumer Mathematics

Economics

Melanie Riggs

Rosemary Gordon Condo Library

Award—awarded to a student who has given valuable assistance to the School Library during the year.

Rosemary Gordon Condo Memorial

Award—awarded to a student for qualities of kindness and consideration for others.

Heather Sandhu

English—Literary Focus

Christine Siddall

Spanish

Jacqueline Anderson Award

University of Manitoba Chown

Centennial Award

University of Toronto Book Prize

—for academic promise

Catherine Simons

M. Cole Davis Department Award

—awarded to a student who reveals a high degree of responsibility and dependability in several areas of school life

Liandi Tang

Certificate of Distinction for finishing

in the top 25% of all contestants in the Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge



Honour Roll

Middle and Senior School Head's Honour Roll

(Overall average of 90% and above)

Grade 6

Bridget Bicknell
Katherine Bouchard
Stephanie Enns
Sydney Jones
Emily Kesselman
Leanne King
Paige Nuttall
Hannah Scott
Patricia Thomson
McKenzie Trann

Grade 7

Rebecca Alexander
Isabelle Anderson-Gregoire
Danica Avery
Hannah Darrach-Cottick
Kathleen Eva
Breanne Fredette
Layla Freig
Colleen Furlan
Rachel Goldman
Chloe Kjernisted
Haley Koehn
Allison Kowalchuk
Kelsey Lacombe
Marikka Lee
Madison Maidment
Celeste Main
Carmen Provinciano
Chloe Vickar

Grade 8

Emily Campbell
Paige Danowski
Hannah Johnson
Sean King
Rebecca Kremer
Yu Meng Liu
Allison Love
Eileen Newman
Erica Prefontaine Dean
Jacklyn Prendiville
Rebecca Sherbo
Madison Stewart
Victoria Taylor
Miranda Thorne
Erika Ulrich
Kelsey Watchman
Stephanie Webster

S1

Valerie Beynon
Chelsea Chimilar
Vanessa Comeau
Ashley Fredette
Talia Glodjo
Talia Joundi
Angela Reimer
Erica Siddall

S2

Saira Abdulrehman
Caitlin Brock
Jenna Brown
Alexandra Campbell
Nora Fien
Sola Han
Roxanne Ilagan
Kali Kazina
Krupa Kotecha
Ka Yan Leung
Shanleigh Thomson
Robyn Zajac
Olivia Zaporzan
Natasha Zloty

S3

Emilie Anderson-Gregoire
Chi Gao
Robin Jacuzzi
Julie Klein
Kate Langrell
Cindy Lukianchuk
Kathryn Marcynuk
Madelaine Stefanik

S4

Go Eun Choi
Jun Dong
Mylène Gamache
Lisa Gregory
Eo-Jin Hwang
Michelle Maryk
Ai Shibata
Christine Siddall

Middle and Senior School Honour Roll

(Overall average of 80% to 89%)

Grade 6

Gabriella Balog
Katrina Barkwell
Robyn Brar
Demara Davidson
Alexandra DePape
Shea Gaynor
Alexandra Jessiman
Su Ji Kang
Elizabeth Pappas
Courtney Parada Leitaio
Brittany Reid
Kaitlin Robinson
Shannon Sifert
Brittany Simmons
Simran Singh
Sabrina Sorin
Caroline Steele
Cecilia Wannan

Grade 7

Megan Clarke
Natasha Cobb
Camille Dixon
Maria Garrido Hernandez
Jennifer Horch
Cody Keith
Lauren Lischka
Juliana Loewen
Shaylyn Maharaj-Poliah
Adrianna Militano
Jaunty Morden
Palmer Nowak
Lauren Peake
Almudena Perez Dunand
Cella Rousseau
Adriana Sly
Ximena Solloa Hoyo
Amanda Stegmaier
Elizabeth White

Grade 8

Malak Abas
Siba Abas
Alyssa Ambrosie
Maria Beltrán Alessio Robles
Sydney Bicknell
Celina Brown
Ligia Chacón Matiella
Ximena Del Cerro Lopez
Stefanie Goldberg

Charlie Gray
Ana Guzmán Quintero
Christine Harms
Alexandra Martin
Krystal Nguyen Hua
Toria Rankin-Friesen
Anna Savard
Hannah Stinson
Shelby Szarko
Julie Yan

S1

Layal Abas
Léa Anderson-Gregoire
Christie Branton
Julie Clark
Jessica Goldberg
Eun Jin Kwak
Sena Lam
Charissa MacLeod
Michelle McFadden
Ariana Meyers
Konstantina Nakoulas
Sinthuja Navaretnam
Sarah Scott
Lauren Smerchanski
Sakie Yamazaki

S2

Megan Alexander
Callie Blank
Grace Boyd
Nicole Graham
Jamie Holt
Diandra Kennedy
Hannah Korsunsky
Stephanie Lawson
Nadine Lowes
Erika Mitchell
Macy Morden
Shawna Olson
Torrence Robertson
Shereen Samimi
Victoria Schaeffer
Erica Scharfstein
Anna Simons
Rachel Solomon
Michaela Vickar
Courtney Weinstein

S3

Stefania Campanelli
Alexis Dickson
Kaytlin Drews
K.K. Ho
Jihyun Joung
Ailyn Lancaster
Kathleen Moore
Claudia Müller-Morán
Laura Murdoch
Ga Ram Park
Jill Penman
Sarah Rybczuk
Brittany Siemens
Kathleen Skinner
Jina Song
Kelcey Vossen
Leah Werier
Sze Ki Wong

S4

Sameera Abdulrehman
Arden Alfonso
Jamie DesJarlais
Harkiran Dhillon
Brittany Dolynchuk
Jennifer Ethans
Danielle Guenette
Sol Ji Han
Sarry Klein
Alexis Kozak
Poonam Mahay
Kathleen Murray
Melanie Riggs
Heather Sandhu
Catherine Simons
Hey Yue Tam
Liandi Tang
Min Hee Yoo



YiP

By: Alexis Kozak, '06
YiP Student Chairperson 2006

Youth in Philanthropy is a program designed by The Winnipeg Foundation to introduce high school students to community development. Balmoral Hall was one of twenty schools to participate this year. The Winnipeg Foundation provided our youth advisory committee with plenty of information to help guide us through the year. They were extremely helpful and they were confident in our ability to be grant makers.

Our year was successful because of the hard work and dedication of thirty keen students. Some students were familiar with the grant making process while others were new to it. We began by discussing our values and determined what our focuses were for the year. We were then able to divide into sub-committees whose areas of interest were in health care, animal abuse, inner city and women and children. Each sub-committee was responsible for researching charitable organizations in our city whose motives corresponded to their interests. Based on criteria from The Winnipeg Foundation, we selected charitable organizations that would potentially receive grants. We made arrangements to visit the organizations so that we could see exactly what they were about. This part of the Youth in Philanthropy program is the most valuable because we were able to meet with employees and volunteers of organizations that we believe make a difference in Winnipeg. We learned about the importance of good, clear communication while scheduling our site visits.

After completing our site visits, each sub-committee presented their impressions of the charitable organizations they visited. They discussed why they felt that particular organization deserved a grant or why another organization did not meet the criteria. Some charities did not receive any grants because students felt that it was already well-funded, while others received the maximum grant. While deliberating, we had to recall the values that we as a committee established at the beginning of the year. We learned how to effectively voice our opinions and work together. This year the charitable organizations that received grants included D'Arcy's Animal Rescue Centre, Rossbrook House, Main Street Project—Detox Centre, Teen Stop Jeunesse, Alpha House, and Manitoba House Drop-In & Resource Centre.

Youth in Philanthropy allowed us to explore non-profit organizations and learn about our impact as youth in Winnipeg. This program let us interact with various types of people who all strive to make Winnipeg a better place to live. Occasionally we receive updates from organizations informing us of what they did with the funding they received. We hope that in the future we can maintain contact with these organizations and possibly become volunteers and participate within the organization. On behalf of all of the Youth in Philanthropy students I would like to thank Mrs. Shyka, our teacher advisor, for providing us with guidance and enthusiasm and The Winnipeg Foundation for this wonderful opportunity.



BH Says Goodbye as Judy Christie Retires

Judy Christie joined the teaching staff at Balmoral Hall School in 1985. What began as a half-time position teaching Physical Education changed and varied over the years. Judy loved her years as a Grade 6 homeroom teacher in Junior School and still maintains contact with many of those students.

Returning to the gymnasium for her final years has been most rewarding. Judy has always said that as a Phys. Ed. teacher, she has had the best job in the school; a place where kids love to play and are willing to learn! Through coaching, she has witnessed the growth and development of many skilled athletes. The teamwork, dedication, and bonding that has taken place is most memorable. Another area where Judy excelled in recent years was in her development of the Middle School Leadership Program. This program will continue in her absence, but we thank her for the ground work that she laid out.

She has many fond memories of the fabulous people she has worked with. The support, the respect, and the caring shared with these outstanding people will never be forgotten. She feels privileged to have accompanied many different groups of students and staff to places like Camp Arnes, Yurt, the Renaissance Festival, Florida and on ski trips. The trips to Greece, Italy and France with the senior students are well documented in her photo albums.

Her desire to travel and to see more of our beautiful country is something that she and her husband share. They will retire to their beautiful lake front home in Kenora, Ontario where they will plan their future adventures.

Olympian Athlete Addresses Guests at the 2006 Athletic Banquet

By Robin Jacuzzi, S3 and Sarah Rybczuk, S3

May 31, 2006 marked the 6th annual Balmoral Hall Athletic Banquet. Greeted by Blazers colored table settings, the countless Middle and Senior School athletes and their families took their seats to eagerly await the keynote speaker of the evening.

Jennifer Botterill, an accomplished three-time Olympian hockey player for Team Canada, delivered an inspirational speech that was easily relatable for all of the developing athletes. She told of her nerve-wracking tryout experiences, the tough workout schedules she endured, and the honour she felt to represent her country. In addition, Ms. Botterill played highlight clips from her Olympic experiences, giving us some insight into the many tears and smiles shared during her hockey matches.

Participation arm bands and crests were given out to all athletes, as well as awards for the Most Valuable and Most Improved Players. Special congratulations to Shelby Szarko, the Middle School Athlete of the Year, Jenna Brown, the Junior Varsity Athlete of the Year, Cindy Lukianchuk, Varsity Athlete of the Year and Christine Siddall, the recipient of a new award honouring a graduating all-star athlete.



Shown left to right: Cindy Lukianchuk '07, Erin Lancaster '07, Jennifer Botterill and Kaytlin Drews '07



Sir James Aikins Memorial House Trophy

The Sir James Aikins Memorial House Trophy is awarded to the House that accumulates the highest aggregate of points for sports and intra-mural activities, Middle and Senior School. The winning House in 2005 – 06 was Braemar!

France Trip 2006

By Jenna Brown, Olivia Zaporzan and Alex Campbell, S2

During March break 2006, a group of 17 BH students had the privilege to fly a lengthy 11 hours with Mrs. Kamins and Mrs. Christie to the country of France. Starting our journey in Nice, we arrived at our hotel. With an outstanding balcony view of the Mediterranean Sea ahead of us and numerous fashion stores like Louis Vuitton and Lacoste beneath us, our first impression of France was a great one. All excited and dressed up for our first night out on the town, our tour guide led us along the main boardwalk called the Promenade d'Anglais.

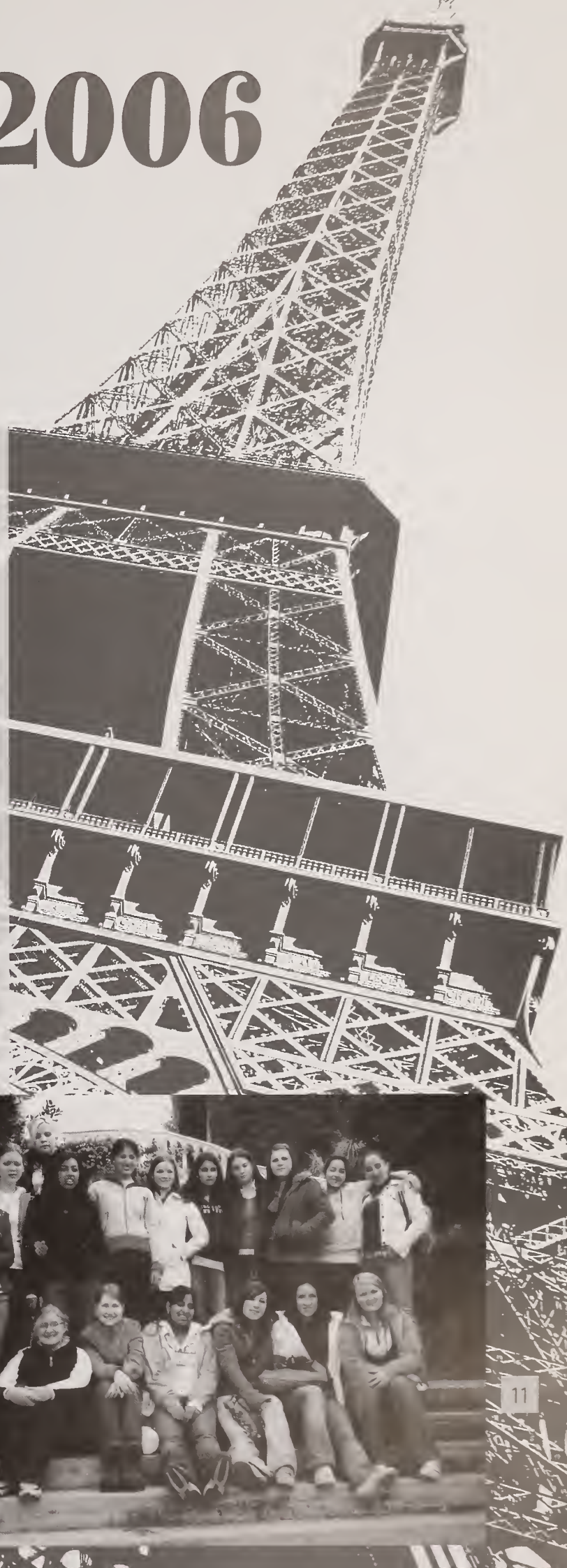
The next four days in Nice were spent touring the streets with our tour guide. We also had the opportunity to visit the small towns located around Nice such as Cannes and Antibes. One afternoon we toured the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild in Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat. With its breathtaking art work and its seven gardens we had a great time. We visited two medieval villages called St. Paul-de-Vence, where we saw Marc Chagall's grave and the beautiful village of Eze that had a breathtaking view of the surrounding towns, mountains and sea.

Overwhelmed by France's sense of tradition, food, shopping and culture, we travelled by train to Monaco. The Jacques Cousteau Oceanographic Museum was the first thing we saw. The museum was filled with tropical fish and underwater species. It was the first and only aquarium to recreate the living conditions of coral reef. We then travelled to a spot that allowed us to see three countries all at the same time: France, Italy and Monaco. We even had the chance to tour a candy factory and sampled a variety of their products. After the candy factory we were taken by bus to Fragonard, a perfume factory located in a small village in the mountains to see how they made their perfume products.

We then flew to Paris and met up with our new guide for the rest of the trip. We did a lot of walking and saw important monuments and landmarks such as the Arc De Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, Musée d'Orsay, the Louvre and Versailles. The Eiffel Tower was much larger than we had anticipated. At the top we had a gorgeous panoramic view of Paris' symmetrical design. In the Louvre we were all ecstatic to see the small painting of the Mona Lisa. She really does follow you with her eyes! One night we took a relaxing but freezing boat tour encompassing a perfect view of the sparkling Eiffel Tower.

The people, the lessons, the places, the food, the hardships, the laughter, the sunshine and rain, the singing, the stories, the experiences and memories will always be with us. France was everything and more than we expected!

Group photo on the garden steps at the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild.





Bridge the Gap

On May 16, 2006 the Balmoral Hall School Grade 11 Leadership students helped coordinate the Bridge the Gap track meet. This event is held by Special Olympics Manitoba and allows athletes with intellectual disabilities to compete in various sports. Our Leadership students did a wonderful job organizing and running the various sporting activities.

Inaugural Build for Habitat



Jaime DesJarlais and Sarry Klein painting the exterior of a newly built home.

On April 7, 2006 nine Senior School students along with Mrs. Green and parents Wanda Zajac and Doug Langrell embarked on a trip of a lifetime. The group travelled to El Salvador to help Habitat for Humanity build homes for families in need. The preparations for the trip started in October of 2005 with team building meetings and visits with the Habitat for Humanity Foundation in Winnipeg.

While in El Salvador the girls were fortunate to experience the El Salvadorian culture, eat their famous papousas and celebrate Easter. Over five days they worked long and tiresome days in the heat, sifting sand, making cement and building cinderblock walls. At the end of the five days they had helped to complete five out of the seven homes, which all had a front and back door, two windows that could be opened and closed, tiled floors, painted walls, a roof, two bedrooms and one living room.

The students felt proud of their accomplishments and their ability to help families in need. They came back with a new view on the world and new friendships for life.

A special thank you to everyone involved including Doug Langrell for initiating and spearheading the first of many Habitat for Humanity experiences.



Les Sarah Scott, Claudia Müller Moran, Robyn Zajac, Wanda Zajac, Sinthia Navarettnam and Kate Langrell





An Inside Look I Found My Future In Africa

A Profile of Erin Mitchell '02



Since graduating from Balmoral Hall in 2002, I have had a multitude of opportunities and even more decisions to make about the future. I first made the choice to attend Acadia University, but it was in my third year as a biology student that I made my most life-altering decision thus far. I decided to go to Africa.

It had never before been a priority to travel to Africa, but suddenly I felt the need to give my time to more than just myself, and I began a search for an organization to volunteer with overseas. Knowing Habitat for Humanity was a reputable organization, I decided to join a group of 21 people who were going to Zambia for three weeks to build a house.

For some, the biggest obstacle may have been the numerous vaccinations required, however travelling solo was my biggest feat. Of course we all became fast friends once thrust into an entirely different world. In the world which we were lucky enough to experience, located southwest of the capital Lusaka, there was no electricity, running water or even beds to sleep on. After a quick adjustment to their lifestyle we were all extremely excited to start the build. We began with an open piece of land and after ten, 8 hour work days we had completed a safe, hopefully sturdy new house for an extremely grateful family. For the family of twelve the new two-room, mud brick house with a corrugated steel roof was a much needed addition to their property.

Although the build was the reason for going, the reason we all vowed to return is unequivocally the people. At first glance the situation of some could be seen as crippling with many children orphaned left to care for multiple younger siblings, others malnourished and many without steady income. But I

can say with certainty that I have never in my life seen such life, pride, tenacity and most of all happiness exude from people before. The adults in the area were so hospitable and caring that they continually worried they hadn't done enough for us, the ones who came to assist them. The children in the village and surrounding areas were incredible and understand the importance of education. These children get excited to go to school, even if they must walk 15 km each way and have no paper to write on. Although the situation the community is in is far from what it could be or even should be presently, it was extremely refreshing to see people truly celebrate life.

After an emotional goodbye to our new village of friends, our group went off for a few days of rest and relaxation including a safari and visit to Victoria Falls (where I bungee jumped 365 ft!). Though I was ready to return to my home and family it was with a heavy heart that I left. Consequently, I have decided to return to school this fall to work toward a second degree, this time a Bachelor of Arts in international development in hopes of making a greater contribution. We are all created equal and thus perhaps we should more readily remind ourselves of compassion and attempt empathy more often.

With an education from Balmoral Hall the world is literally at our fingertips. As alumnae we must remember this and take full advantage or it would be an insult to the young children who fight for education everyday around the world. In the end all you can do is follow what you feel. I knew this was something I had to do and it led me to my future.



Emilie Anderson-Gregoire & Helen Anderson



Mr. and Mrs. Arbuckle with granddaughter Madeleine Arbuckle.

Grandparents Day



"l - r: Mitch Blake, Barbara Blake, and Alexandra Blake.



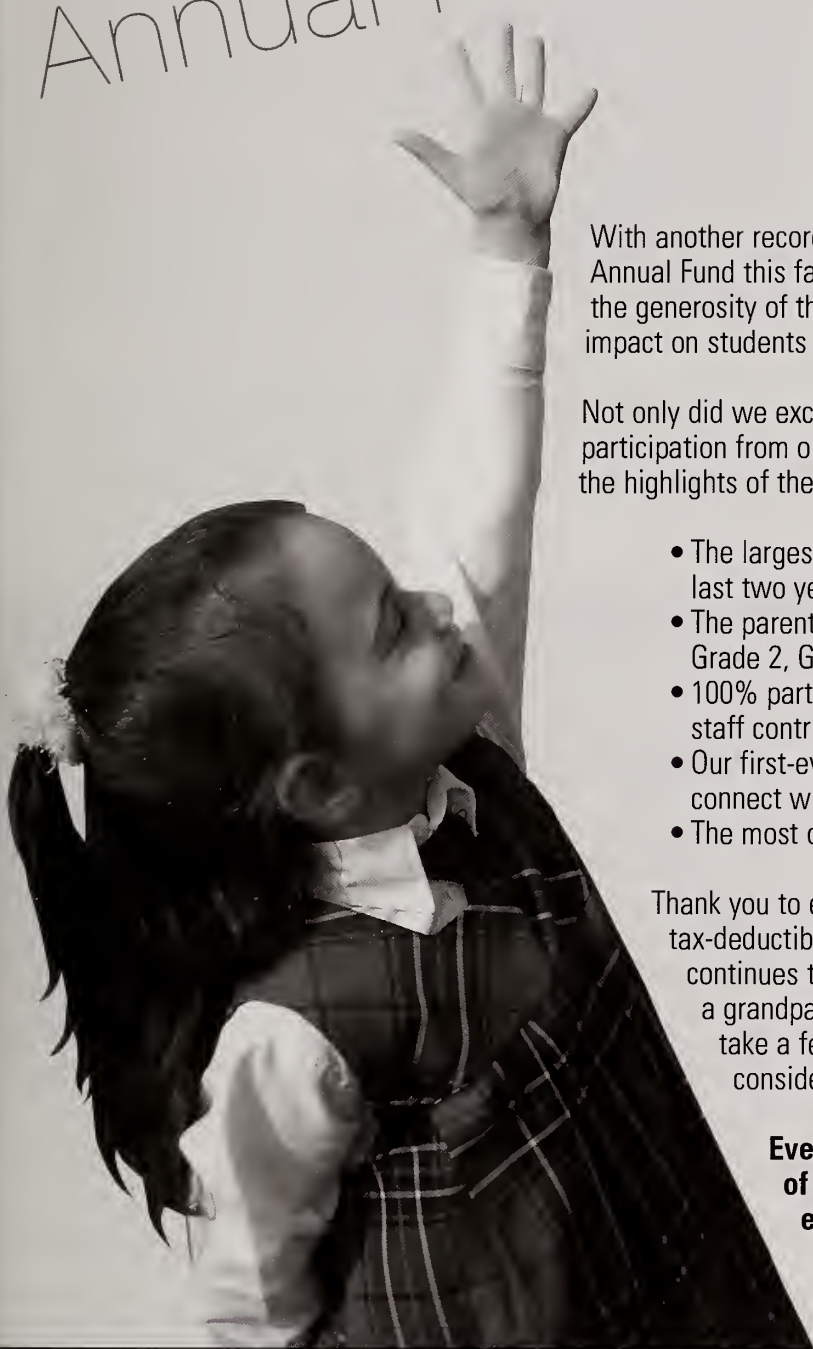
Manley Goldberg with granddaughter Jessica Goldberg.



Grandparents, parents and family friends filled the halls of Balmoral Hall School on May 12, 2006. They participated in many events and activities throughout the School. Fun and excitement took place in the classrooms, Sifton Family Theatre, Richardson Hall Athletic Centre and the Carolyn Sifton Foundation Atrium. Thank you to everyone who participated, we look forward to seeing you again next year!

Harold & Darlene Buchwald and Brenda Leipsic with their grandchildren Rachael & Serena Buchwald.

Annual Fund Support Soars



With another record-breaking year behind us, the School is launching the Annual Fund this fall with enthusiasm and confidence. Over the last two years, the generosity of the BH community has grown and has had a tremendous impact on students and on programs.

Not only did we exceed our goal of \$187,500 last year, we had an increase in participation from our parents, alumnae, grandparents and our staff. Some of the highlights of the 2005 – 06 campaign include:

- The largest number of gifts from alumnae (an increase of 76% in the last two years)
- The parent participation in four grades exceeded 50% (Kindergarten, Grade 2, Grade 3 and Grade 6).
- 100% participation from staff (every teacher, administrator and support staff contributed to the 2005 – 06 campaign)
- Our first-ever alumnae phone-a-thon which allowed the School to connect with over 1,500 alumnae in Canada and the U.S.
- The most online gifts in one fiscal year

Thank you to everyone who participated in the campaign by making their tax-deductible donation. The "participation message" is catching on and continues to be our #1 goal. Whether you are a parent, an alumna, a grandparent, an alumna parent or a friend of BH, we ask that you take a few minutes to review the materials you receive this fall and consider participating in the campaign.

Every donation will get us closer to our June 2007 goal of \$207,000 and will ensure we not only reach for excellence, we achieve it!

Grandparent Donors join the Wisdom Circle

Thank you to the many grandparents who responded to our letter in the spring of 2006. To recognize the support we receive annually from grandparents, a new giving club has been created. In the 2005 – 06 Annual Review, grandparents who contribute to the Annual Fund will be listed in our Wisdom Circle along with the name of their granddaughter(s).

We look forward to seeing this list grow each year and invite all grandparents to support the future generation of young women by providing them every opportunity possible during their studies at Balmoral Hall School.

Alumnae Support Future Generations of Alums

A new endowment fund was created in the spring of 2005 to provide tuition support for the daughters and granddaughters of alumnae who could otherwise not afford a BH education. We first brought you this story in the summer 2005 issue of *The Portal* and updated you on its progress in the spring of this year.

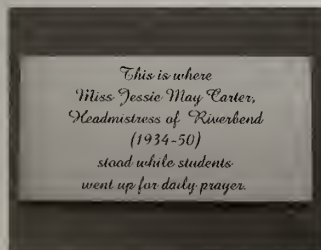
We are happy to announce that the Alumnae Future Generations Fund has seen unprecedented support from alumnae of all ages and now has over \$25,000 endowed! Like all other endowment funds at the School, The Winnipeg Foundation will manage it. Now that the Fund has reached the minimum granting level, we can begin to offer a scholarship of \$1,000. As the fund grows, so too will the scholarship amount.

To be able to fund a full BH tuition, we will need to raise \$250,000.

Although we have a way to go before offering a full tuition, we would like to thank everyone who has directed their annual gift to the Fund. Your support means we are much closer to having the daughter or granddaughter of an alum taking advantage of the educational experience at BH.

To read more about the Alumnae Future Generations Fund, the alumnae of the 1980s who created it and their challenge to you, go to www.balmoralhall.com/future_generations_fund.htm

A Tribute to Miss Carter Headmistress of Riverbend School, 1934–1950



Many Riverbend alumnae hold fond memories of Miss Jessie May Carter. Marion (Hambley) Campbell RIV '45 is one of them. On more than one occasion, Marion has told the story of how Miss Carter stood at the doors of the gymnasium for daily prayer. To mark the spot where she stood, Marion donated this plaque and has directed her annual gift to the fund in Miss Carter's name.

Every year, the Jessie May Carter Award is presented to a Junior School, Middle School and Senior School student, for outstanding progress in the French language.

Many of our named funds provide a small award or are partially funded by Balmoral Hall School. Our goal is to see these endowment funds grow so that they can sustain their awards in perpetuity as an honour to our past leaders. If you would like to contribute to the Jessie May Carter Fund or any of our other named funds, please use the check-off box on your donation form. As these funds grow, so too will the size of the awards.



Born in Dublin, Ireland and educated in Ireland, Germany and France, Miss Jessie May Carter was offered the job of Headmistress of Riverbend School in 1934. Miss Carter brought enthusiasm to her position and many traditions of Riverbend were started in her early years. After the creation of Balmoral Hall School in 1950, she took the position of Dean at the Ontario Ladies' College in Whitby, Ontario until her retirement in 1960. She died in Kingston, Ontario in 1984.

The Meliora Petens Legacy Society

In celebration of the generosity of supporters of Balmoral Hall School, the Meliora Petens Legacy Society celebrates those individuals who have informed us of their intention to make a special bequest in their will as part of their estate planning priorities. This gesture ensures that the future for girls education at Balmoral Hall School remains strong and guarantees BH continues to be a leader in innovative educational experiences.

Throughout the year we learn of alumnae, staff and parents who have made a bequest in their will but who feel uncomfortable about sharing this selfless gesture with the greater BH community. Sadly we never have a chance to say thank you to these generous men and women who have made provisions for BH's future. As a way to formally acknowledge donors who have provided for Balmoral Hall School in their will we established the Meliora Petens Legacy Society exists—to say thank you.

If you consider Balmoral Hall School to be worthy to be included among the beneficiaries of your estate we hope you will give us the opportunity to say thank you and recognize you among the many visionaries who supported the growth of Havergal, Rupert's Land, Riverbend and today's Balmoral Hall School, all exceptional and dedicated leading all-girls educational institutions.

Class of 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986 Celebrate!

On April 28, 2006, alumnae gathered at Balmoral Hall School to join in a special assembly celebrating the reunion years of 1956, 1966, 1976 and 1986. The assembly included welcoming the Class of 2006 to the Alumnae Association, a PowerPoint presentation with photos from the past, and performances from the Junior School choirs. Following the assembly, alumnae celebrating their reunion years enjoyed a luncheon in Aikins House where they were able to reminisce, look at old yearbooks, and browse through the School Archives. Thank you to all of the alumnae who joined us and a special thank you to Lyn Stephen '57 for displaying memorabilia of those years.



BH Welcomes New Alumnae Association President

Greetings fellow BHers!

I'm extremely excited to accept the role of Alumnae President following Deb Morrison '81—quite the shoes to fill! I had the pleasure of working at Balmoral Hall in Residence for the 2003–2005 school years. It was wonderful to make BH not only my place of employment but also my home. This past year I have taken time off to live in Newfoundland and I am pleased that my return to Winnipeg will include a return to Balmoral Hall. As an added treat I will be working closely with the Advancement team (and my sister Ginny!) to increase ties between alums and the School.

I loved being a BH girl but right after graduation I didn't keep in touch. There were many paths to choose from; university, travel, a family, the work force. I left BH with this strange feeling that I shouldn't contact the school again until I finished my masters or cured a disease or completed some other monumental task. And yet, I devoured the Crestlines section of *The Portal* and loved all of the stories: people teaching piano lessons at their cottage or those who were raising a family and others who were backpacking through exotic territory. Although I read every story with interest I never would have been daring enough to write about my "boring" life.

I encourage alums to re-establish contact with the School no matter what you are doing. Drop us a line at alumnae@balmorallhall.com. Confirm that your contact information is up to date on the alumnae directory at www.balmorallhall.com. Convince classmates to also receive *The Portal*. Do you live away from Winnipeg? The school often hosts alumnae events in other cities and even in other countries. Are you returning to Winnipeg for a family affair or for business? Pop by the school for a tour of the new facilities or to view the beautiful archives. We are always happy to share the photos and mementos from your time at Balmoral Hall. Whatever you do, don't be shy! There are always classmates waiting for someone to make the first move.

Rebecca Lechman '95



The class of 1956: Back row l-r: Lyn Stephen, Judy (Lewthwaite) Wallin, Patricia (Smith) Powell, Donna (Lowery) Miller. Front Row l-r: Daphne (Smith) Ethans, Gail (Burrows) Cipryk, Marilyn (Stephenson) Anderson



The class of 1966 l-r: Susan Bracken, Alixe (Hunt) Harbottle, Cathi (Vivian) Hill, Gwen (McQuade) Kalansky



The class of 1986 l-r: Tannis (Steiman) Scott, Paula (Mottley) Becker, Angela Hilland, Nancy Cipryk



In May 2006, **Chantal Kreviazuk '91** and **Susan Riley '64** presented excerpts from their essays in the book *Dropped Threads 3* at McNally Robinson Grant Park. It was wonderful that two of the 4 presenters were BH alumnae!

1940s

Marion (Hambley) Campbell RIV '45

Marion visited Winnipeg over the May Long weekend. She unfortunately had bad news that her mother Ruth Hambley passed away January 25th at the age of 103 years old.

To view information on a special donation Marion has made in the memory of Miss Jessie May Carter, please go to page 16.

Joan (Roberts) Barrett RIV '49

"I am currently a member of The Life Institute at Ryerson, which is for old codgers like me, and enroll in various classes. Buying a computer nudged me towards taking classes to learn how to use it. I also have some friends whom I meet periodically for lunch and/or shopping. Altogether I lead quite a busy life.

I have just returned from England where I met many relatives that I didn't know I had. What a joy. They're

all hiding in West Yorkshire around Bradford, where my father was born and bred. These are all cousins of some description, related to me. I didn't know that I had such a large familyand here I thought that I was an only child and that was that. Well I am an only child, but with many marvelous relatives, newly found."

1950s

Suzie (Holland) Lount '56

Congratulations to Suzie Lount for being a Woman of Style in the February 2006 issue of *n, the magazine of Naples*. Suzie was profiled for her work as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Shelter for Abused Women and Children.



Maureen Ford '59

"Our lilacs here in Pickering, Ontario are in full bloom and remind me of the "lilac teas" that were held when I attended BH from 51-57. Best wishes to all as the school year comes to a close. I would love to hear from girls that went to BH when I did, especially boarders. You can find my email information on the Balmoral Hall alumnae email directory."

1970s

Deborah Metcalfe '76

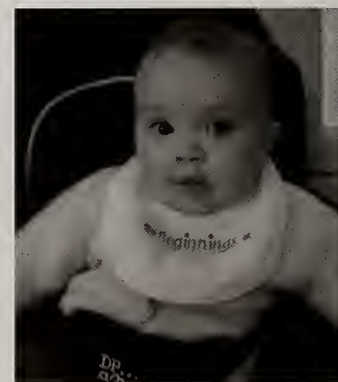
"Recently I went to the Winnestock fundraising event. At one point on the dance floor I realized we were having an unplanned BH reunion. On the dance floor at the same time was **Barb (Jacks) Davenport '75, Bev Jacks '73, Lori (Jacks) Cullen '79, Ashleigh Everett '74, Mary (Wiswell) Hanson '71, and myself '76. Deb Morrison '81** was also there. I think a fun night was had by all!"

1980s

Stacey (Jessiman) de la Barre de Nanteuil '86

"Thank you very much for the adorable Beginnings bib, which Aliénor wears all the time. It was very thoughtful of you to send it, and it's wonderful to have a reminder of Balmoral Hall in our home! Aliénor was born on September 14, 2005, measured 52 cm and weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces. She is constant source of joy to her parents!

I was married July 24, 2004 to Geoffroy de La Barre de Nanteuil. The wedding took place on Salt Spring Island, BC and was attended by many former BH alumnae, including **Megan Jessiman '83, Heather (Jessiman) Partridge '90, Rae (Burrell) Jessiman '59, Cydney (Burrell) Trott '60, Judy (Munro) Jessiman '60, Dinny (Phipps) Kramer '55, Gail (Burrows) Cipryk '57, and Janet (Harrison) Burrell '65.** And Former BH alumnus **Jason Kenney MP** gave a very amusing toast to the bride at the Rehearsal Dinner!"



Marnie Hilland '88

"My husband, Anthony Kulbacki, my two year old son, Ryan and I moved to the big old town of Saskatoon in October of 2005 when Anthony accepted the position of Chief Financial Officer at Walker Seeds. I am continuing to work part-time at home as a conference planner. This gives me lots of time to spend with my little man, Ryan.

I continue to keep in touch with my 'gang' from BH and we are all in serious baby mode! Christine McInnes and I continue to keep in touch and I go out to Toronto every winter for a visit and we get together at our cottages at the Lake of Woods in the summer. She has a two year old son, Elliot and another coming this September!"



Shown left to right: Ryan and Elliot

1990s

Jennifer (Baron) Montemarano '91

Jennifer and Rob are happy to announce the arrival of their son Thomas Anthony, on May 4, 2006 at Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto. A first grandchild for **Carole Ann (Cory) Baron '59** and Ted Baron.

Nina (Battison) Patel '96

On December 17th, 2005 Nina Jane Battison (Head Girl 1996) married Mr. Neil Patel in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Heather Dawson '96 was one of her bridesmaids!



Courtney (Moir) Morris '98

On May 6, 2006 Courtney and Greg were wed during an outdoor ceremony at the Niakwa Country Club. Since moving into their home just outside the city limits last December, they have been busy renovating and working towards making their house a home. They have also welcomed a chocolate lab pup into their lives, named Lambeau. Courtney has been busy with her photography business, which specializes in the photography of Weddings, Family (maternity, newborn and portrait) and Sports (action shots and team photography).



Sarah Young '98

Congratulations to Sarah Young and Jared Grosvenor who were married in Winnipeg on November 25, 2005.



2000s

Amanda Aldous '02

"On the weekend of March 8-10, I flew out to Halifax and spent the weekend with **Ashley Zajac '02**, **Caroline Monnin '02** and **Erin Mitchell '02** at Acadia University. Aside from being a great break from RMC, I got to see what a normal civilian university was like. I had a great time catching up with the girls and meeting their friends and housemates. I really loved Acadia and was so glad I got a chance to see it before they graduate! All in all it was a fantastic weekend, definitely one of the best this year!"



Sarah Briggs '02

Sarah Briggs will be pursuing her Master's Degree in the Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation Occupational Therapy at the University of Manitoba this fall.

Irene Li '03

"I am back in Hong Kong to work now. I am working in my mom's company. Hopefully I will still go to school part time. I took this picture when I was in Winnipeg with my mom and went to Balmoral Hall School to give her a little tour. Best wishes to everyone!"

Irene is also working closely with Balmoral Hall as the alumnae representative in Hong Kong. She will help us to coordinate alumnae receptions and keep alumnae connected with the School.



Staff

Cori Hildebrand

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all very much for the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful school for the past 13 years! It is with mixed emotions that I have resigned from my teaching position to relocate to Ottawa. Although I am looking forward to experiencing our nations' capital, I will miss being part of Balmoral Hall School very much.

I have had the privilege of working and learning from colleagues that are the very best at what they do. Not only are they true professionals, but they are the most caring people that have touched my heart and have impacted my life in a profound way. It has been my privilege to work with the amazing children that bring us all together. Their enthusiasm to learn and the support from the parents have made my experience so rewarding!

I know that Balmoral Hall School has had an amazing past and will continue to have a very bright future. I feel very blessed to have been part of it!"

Congratulations to **Geneviève Delaquis** from the Advancement Office who welcomed a beautiful baby girl Mia into her family on June 28, 2006.



Congratulations to **Miriam Stoller**, Grade 2 teacher, who welcomed a beautiful baby girl Reina into her family on July 6, 2006.



Peace

Lucille Cubbidge RLS '35



Lucille passed away peacefully at the age of 89 years on

February 20, 2006. Lucille attended Rupert's Land School. She loved sports and was an avid downhill skier in her younger days. Reading was one of her favourite pastimes, as well as keeping in touch with current events.

Dorothy Gregory RLS '35



In her 89th year Dorothy's spirit flew away on February

19, 2006. Dorothy spent her retirement years living in Victoria Beach, MB. She chose to move to Collingwood, ON to reside in Bayhaven Care Centre to be near her daughter Geri. Dorothy graduated from Rupert's Land School. She served in the R.C.A.F. during the war in the Ophthalmic Section of the Medical Unit, discharged in 1944.

Dorothy (Forsyth) Sangster RIV '37



Dorothy passed away peacefully at Riverview

Health Centre on March 15, 2006. Dorothy attended Grosvenor and Gordon Bell schools and graduated from Riverbend School for Girls. She received her university education at Margaret Eaton School in Toronto. Her Phys Ed degree was the platform for her 40 year career teaching gym, dance, physical fitness and adjudicating festivals throughout rural Manitoba. At her 80th birthday celebration, she highlighted a quote "There's nothing worth the wear of winning, but laughter and the love of friends". This underscores the broad scope of the many friendships she maintained throughout the world.

Constance (Guy) Hunter RIV '38



Constance "Tonsy" passed away on April 8, 2006 at her

home at the age of 85 years. She will be greatly missed by countless friends and all whose lives she touched. Tonsy's education included Tuxedo School, Riverbend School and the University of Manitoba where she graduated with a Bachelor of Home Economics in 1941. Tonsy brought a special ray of sunshine into many lives.

Vivian (Keeler) Jenkins RIV '38

Vivian passed away peacefully on February 1, 2006 with family at her side. She was a Licensed Practical Nurse at Misericordia Hospital for many years and was also an active volunteer for the Canadian Red Cross both during the Second World War and after her retirement in 1984. Vivian enjoyed reading, travel (including several trips to Barbados) and especially her times at the lake. Her wit, encouragement and loving care will be sadly missed.

Mary (Laidlaw) McPhillips RIV '39



Mary "Bette" passed away peacefully on March 9, 2006. Bette attended

Riverbend, University of Winnipeg and Success Business College. Bette enjoyed her home and her beloved dog Topaz. She entertained with flair, and loved a good story. She was always interested in the lives of everyone around her, drawing in friends with her unique personality.

Joyce (Burton) Fulton RLS '46

Joyce passed away peacefully in her sleep on March 1, 2006, after fighting a courageous battle with breast cancer. Throughout her life and especially in the face of this illness, Joyce provided an unmatched example of compassion, caring and the love of life and friendship. Joyce's spirit and sense of innocence touched all those who knew her.



American Gothic by S2 students & Famous Artists Furniture by S3 and S4 students



Famous Artists Furniture Project by Brittany Dolynchuk (S4)



Art outside the box by Jina Song (S3)



Small Worlds Project by S3 & S4 students



Famous Artists Furniture Project by Stefania Campanelli (S3)



Fantasy Unit, a collaborative project by S4 students



Respecting Diversity by Grade 4 students

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Notable Women Project by Vanessa Bermisa (Grade 5)



Egyptian Canopic Jars by Grade 8 students



Social Comment by Mylène Gamache (S4)



Wacky Self Portraits by Grade 6 students

